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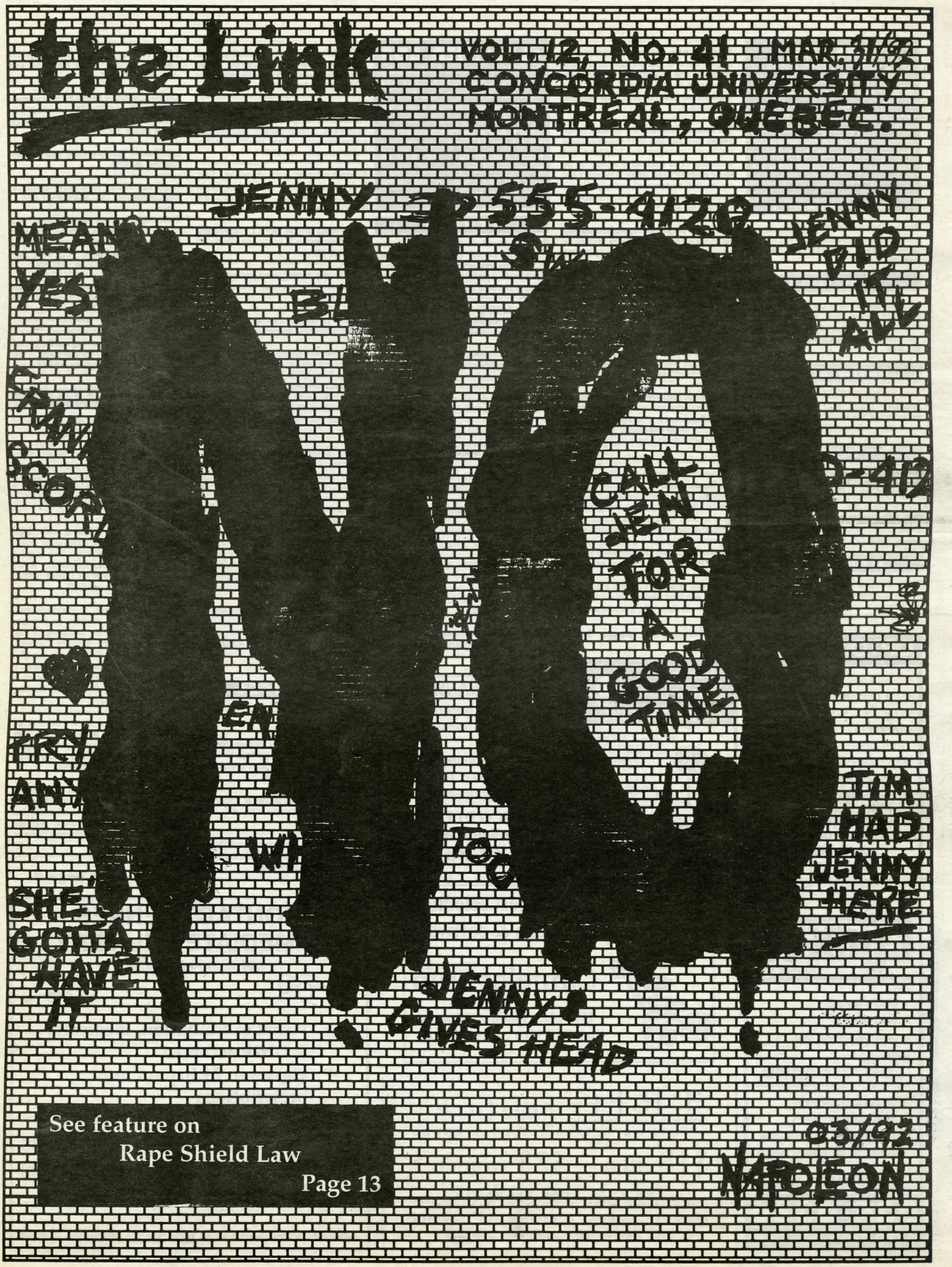

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AGENDA

The Agenda is a FREE service to publicize Concordia-related events. Space priority is given to non-profit and student groups. Drop off your info. at our office, room H-649 in the Hall Building, or mail it in, indicating AGENDA on the envelope. Deadlines are 5 pm Friday for Tuesday issues, and 5pm Wednesday for Friday's issues.

Wednesday, April 1

Amnesty International letter writing meeing and discussion on Brazil, 4:30pm in Z105/106 (2090 Mackay). Info: 848-7410. All are welcome.

Friday, April 3

David Rimmer will be at Concordia to present his most recent films, including "Local Knowledge" and "Beaubourg Boggie Woogie." VA-114, 8pm. Info: Department of Cinema, 848-4666.

Monday, April 6

Panel discussion: "Should We Conserve Free Medicare?" 6:30pm, 2149 Mackay, CI Annex. Sponsored by the School of Community and Public affairs. Info: 848-2575.

Tuesday, April 7

Moshiach, the Time is Now. A lecture followed by an open forum addressing the identity of Moshiach, the nature of the Messianic Age, and why the time is now. Lecturer: Rabbi Moshe New. 8pm, Leacock building, room 232, McGill University. $3 admission, students free. Info: Chabad House, 288-3130.

GENERAL

Health Services would like to thank all the student volunteers who helped to make the Health Fair such a huge success.

Students who may require vaccines for summer travel or jobs are advised to inform themselves now, to avoid serious delays in the processing of their forms. If you have questions, call Health Services, SGW 848-3565, LOY 848-3575.

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The McGill Literacy Council, a group of students who tutor adult non-readers, seeks Concordia students who are interested in

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CUSA launches campaign against violence

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Johanne Cadorette of Concordia's Women's Center speaks out against escalating violence.

by Lucy Niro

CUSA is fed up.

The recent rash of violent incidents against feminists, lesbians, gays and other marginalized groups spurred some of its employees, student representatives and club members to launch a agressive anti-violence campaign.

"We want it to be an educative campaign, but we also want it to be an interventionist campaign," said Phil Toone, CUSA co-president-elect at a press conference yesterday in the Hall building.

"It doesn't suffice to simply abhor violence. CUSA already has an action team. Employees can call the receptionist right away if they're being harassed and an (action team) will go down there and intervene."

CUSA co-president Charlene Nero, who was elected on a "Feminism Works" platform with Eleanor Brown, said she and other CUSA employees have been the target of telephone and mail threats which escalated these past two months.

"Personally, I've received 30 to 40 harassing phone calls and about 15 of them were threatening," Nero said.

Nero was also physically assaulted Feb. 9 after a televised CUSA co-presidential debate at Reggie's pub. Her nose was bloodied and there were eyeglass imprints under her eyes.

But CUSA v.p. communications Maureen Bradley said the campaign is not a direct response to the threats and violence surrounding last month's CUSA co-presidential elections and CUSA's general assembly March 17.

"Specifically, it's not about the elections but what precipitated because of them," Bradley said after the press conference.

"It seems that there are election irregularities which people think justifies attacking other people. And this violence is going on in all campuses. The backlash stems from the paranoia and fear that minority groups are taking over space we rightly deserve from majority groups."

First-year women's studies student Eddie Hennessy agreed the backlash at Concordia is not an isolated one.

"When *the Link* published the Queer issue, the Women's issue and the Black History issue, I had a feeling that someone was going to say this was reverse discrimination," Hennessy said.

"There's this idea that feminists, gays, lesbians and non-whites are taking over."

But associate vice-rector services Donald Boisvert said although the university administration lauds the anti-violence campaign, the level of violence should not be exaggerated.

"I don't think we have to give the impression that there are gangs roaming in the university corridors," Boisvert said.

"The university is as frustrated as CUSA is (about the increase of violence on campus). But we're not at the point of Americanschools who have machines at the entrance checking to see if students carry guns. Let's not give this false picture...We have to keep things in perspective."

Toone said the Concordia Committee To Stop the Violence will kickstart its campaign in May with a series of workshops and a three-day conference.

Engineers vote this week to keep or cut Q-PIRG fee levy

Environment not worth six bucks to some

by Josey Vogels

Engineering students will decide this week whether to continue funding the Concordia chapter of the Quebec Public Interest Research Group.

The referendum will ask whether engineering students want to keep paying 20 cents per credit to the student-run environmental action group. They now contribute $8,400 or about 10 per cent of Q-PIRG's $75,000 budget.

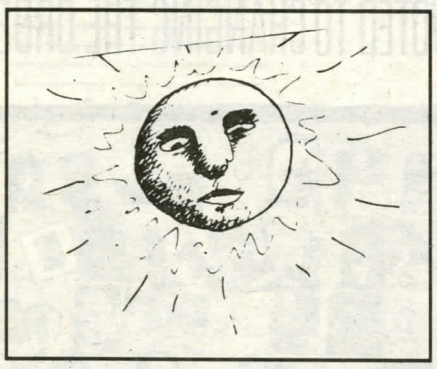
Frank Bedi, the third-year engineering student who got 105 names on the petition which resulted in the referendum, said he wanted "the right to fund the groups I want to fund." Bedi did not say what kind of groups, if any, he would fund.

"If they want to go out and fund the environment, let them," Bedi said. "But let them back up what they say. It's time (for them) to put up or shut up. Why are we giving them money? What have they done?"

But Stacy Chappel, recently elected to the Q-PIRG board, said the group has done important work both lobbying and researching issues on the environment, homelessness, sexism, racism and other issues.

"Our working groups do a lot of research. So when we lobby the government on certain issues, we are informed and ready to counter any arguments against us," Chapell said.

Chapell said that unlike other clubs who have to spend the year fundraising, Q-PIRG's stable funding base means they have more time to spend on research.



She said the referendum is politically motivated.

"Obviously people have objections to the political direction of or-ganization," she said. "We lobby against racism, sexism, environmental issues and homelessness — and they feel it isn't something student money should go to."

In 1989, students voted yes in a referendum to decide whether to fund Q-PIRG. The referendum passed with the condition that students could apply for a refund of their Q-PIRG fee if they didn't want to pay it.

Bedi said he waited eight months to get his $6 refund last year. Chapell said 40 engineering students came in for refunds last year. She agreed there have been problems with the refund policy in the past but said they will be cleared up if students vote "yes" in the referendum.

"The referendum question is presented with stipulations that if students support us, we agree to extend the refund period and to place an ad in the Engineering and Computer Sciences Students' Association handbook advertising it," Chapell said.

In the past, there was a one-week refund period held at an unspecifed time. Q-PIRG will extend the period to three weeks starting one week after Labour Day if the referendum goes through.

"It's good because it forces us to clarify our refund period and clear up problems around it," Chapell said.

If they vote to pull their fees from Q-PIRG, engineering students who want to work at Q-PIRG will have to pay a $10 fee charged to individuals who join independently.

The referendum is being held March 30-April 1. The Chief Returning Officer is ECA v.p. internal Frank Pathyil.

The Link's final issue of the semester will be published April 7. Deadline for articles, ads and comments is Friday, April 3.

B.C. freezes fees for a year

VANCOUVER (CUP) — The British Columbia government has made good on its election promise to freeze tuition fees.

In the NDP government's first budget speech on March 26, finance minister Glen Clark announced a 4.3 per cent increase in funding for colleges and universities, and a one-year tuition fee freeze.

Over the last 10 years, fees have increased 190 per cent at universities and 254 per cent at colleges. In the same period, inflation rose 77.5 per cent. B.C. students pay about $1,800 in tuition fees each year.

Post-secondary education minister Tom Perry said the freeze will take effect in September.

"We feel good about this," Perry said. "We're fulfilling a campaign promise we made and, given the difficulty students have had with the Canada Student Loans program and our inability to change things on a federal level, I think this will help students."

Jacquie Best, chair-elect of the B.C. wing of the Canadian Federation of Students, said the B.C. announcement is a victory for students.

"Given the increases we were going to have, there are students who will be able to attend colleges and universities who otherwise would not have been able to," Best said.

Perry said the government will increase the number of spaces available in universities and colleges by up to 3,000.

Best said CFS is still concerned about the 10,000 students who were turned away from colleges and universities last year.

Martin Chester

Commission to look into elections

A commission of inquiry has been formed to investigate February's CUSA elections by CUSA's Board of Directors.

The BoD approved a motion to create the commission at last Wednesday's special meeting. The commissioners will do their investigation over the next month and then report to the Board of Directors by May 8.

Dean of Students Brian Counihan will chair the commission but won't have a vote. The four voting members of the commission are Janet Mrenica, Hayley Halsall, David Acco, and Sean Spurvey.

The structure of the commission has not been set, but Counihan said it will listen to any students who want to testify and may also ask certain individuals who were present on election night to come forward.

The motion to appoint the commission was proposed by co-presidents-elect Charlene Nero and Phil Toone.

"People who have been accused of wrongdoing have never had an opportunity to address the allegations. I think this inquiry is the best way to dispel a lot of myths," said Nero. "If any evidence of wrongdoing is found on my or Phil (Toone)'s part, I would immediately resign."

But BoD members Kerry Schacter and Frank Pathyil both said the commission was too little, too late.

"It's definitely a stalling tactic," said Schacter. "This is an attempt to waste enough time so that it's too late to call a new election. It's a fine idea, but I don't see it solving the problem."

Both Schacter and Pathyil have called for a new election to be held during the last week of classes despite a lack of evidence of wrongdoing on the part of the co-presidents-elect.

by Peter Sankoff

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Friday, April 3, 1992.
4 p.m., H649.

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1. Presentation of audit '90-'91.
2. Presentation of financial stmts.
3. Presentation of Bod report.
4. Election of Bod student-at-large- 3 Arts & Science, 1 Commerce and Admin.

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Directors' last ditch effort to force new election

by Peter Sankoff

Tonight several members of this year's CUSA Board will make one last attempt to keep co-presidents Charlene Nero and Phil Toone from taking office.

Frank Pathyil, Kerry Schacter and David Dichmann — all BoD members — have called a special meeting for 9:30 this evening.

The main motion to be presented at the meeting calls for a new election to be held April 7-9.

Nero and Toone's victory in last month's CUSA elections was later questioned by losing candidates Philip Dalton and Debbie Lindsay, who claim the results at one poll were miscalculated.

However, the alleged discrepancy could not be verified because tally sheets and ballots were shredded, as per election guidelines, once the deadline for formal complaints passed four days after the election.

Nero, who cannot attend tonight's meeting because of a previous obligation, said the current directors are trying to extend their own mandate.

"It's a power play," said Nero. "They have their own agenda and it's got nothing to do with what's right. They can vote in whatever they want, but it's illegal for the old board to pass a motion that goes into effect April 1. (On that date), the locks will be changed, the signing officers will be changed, and the old board will be out."

But Pathyil said the meeting was called because some directors think it is essential to call a new election before the end of classes.

"The course of the year is set over the summer," Pathyil said. "Whoever is co-president over the summer does the really important work and sets the tone for the year. So far, (Nero and Toone) have not tried to deal with what students are screaming about. Students want a new election."

If the motion passes and a new election is called, the same candidates would run for the co-presidency and the Board of Directors, and the three referendum questions would also have to be re-decided.

Judicial Board

In another item on tonight's agenda, the same directors are calling for the Board of Directors to appoint five new members to the Judicial Board.

Currently there four members out of a possible nine on the Judicial Board. A minimum of three members are needed for the board to fulfill its functions. Traditionally, an average of four to five seats are filled.

Unlike the BoD, the Judicial Board members serve on the board until May 31.

Pathyil said the Judicial Board positions should be filled, "especially if a lot of disputes turn up between now and the end of May."

Nero said the special meeting will not change anything.

"They can say whatever they want," said Nero. "My impression is that on April 1, Phil Toone and I take office. It is illegal to attempt to act on any issue relating to the general election without going to the (present) Judicial Board."

The Board members have not considered any of the legalities regarding extending their mandate or calling a new election, Nero said.

"If they're getting legal advice, they've either got stupid lawyers or they're getting bad advice," she said.

Grimes to attend meeting

In an unusual reversal of allegiances, Lana Grimes, CUSA v.p. liaison, pushed for tonight's meeting.

In a memo to the BoD, Grimes, who until recently gave every appearance of supporting Nero and Toone's victory in February's election, said, "I believe the time has come for me to give whatever advice I can to the board to help

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CASA says no to *the Link* - again

by Tyrone Newhook

The commerce and administration students' decision to stop funding *the Link* will stand.

The Commerce and Administration Students' Association board of directors rejected a motion to annul the results of a March 9-10 referendum.

Janet Mrenica, president of the Concordia Accounting Society and v.p. student affairs-elect, tabled the motion because she said the reasons for the referendum weren't publicized enough.

Two separate referendum questions asked students if they wanted to keep funding *the Concordian* and *the Link*.

The Concordian got a yes vote while *the Link* got a no.

Mrenica suggested that CASA raise more awareness of the issue and hold another referendum next year.

But Mrenica was the only one who voted for her motion. Six directors voted against it and five abstained.

CASA president-elect Nick Kaminaris said Mrenica's motion lacked sufficient evidence.

"I feel we could have done something more (in publicizing the referendum) but I don't think (Mrenica) made enough of a case to have another referendum," Kaminaris said.

CASA's current president Thomas Dowd, who was also the referendum's chief returning officer, said the high voter turnout indicated students knew about the referendum.

Just over seven per cent, or about 300 out of 4,993 registered commerce and administration students voted.

Mrenica, who represented commerce and administration students last year on *the Link's* board of directors, said students were not informed of the effects funding cuts would have on the newspapers.

But Dowd said informing students was the newspapers' problem.

"That particular issue was left to the newspapers because we don't know what effects it (funding cuts) will have," Dowd said.

Andy Christopoulos, a board member and president of the Concordia Management Society, said although "the advertising could have been stronger, legally (the advertising) was done."

He added that the real issue was that students didn't feel *the Link* was adequately covering commerce news.

But Link co-editor Josey Vogels told the directors CAS A's decision to hold a referendum came out of the fact that they are against *the Link's* politics.

Mrenica agreed.

"I don't believe that in 1992 commerce students are so closed-minded," Mrenica said. "They live in a faculty that accepts a vision given to them (by CASA)."

Mrenica had said "the real issue began with wanting to give money to *the Concordian*. (The CASA executive) wanted to take the money away from *the Link*."

But Kaminaris said these com-

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Government keeps clinic on hold

by Ita Kendall

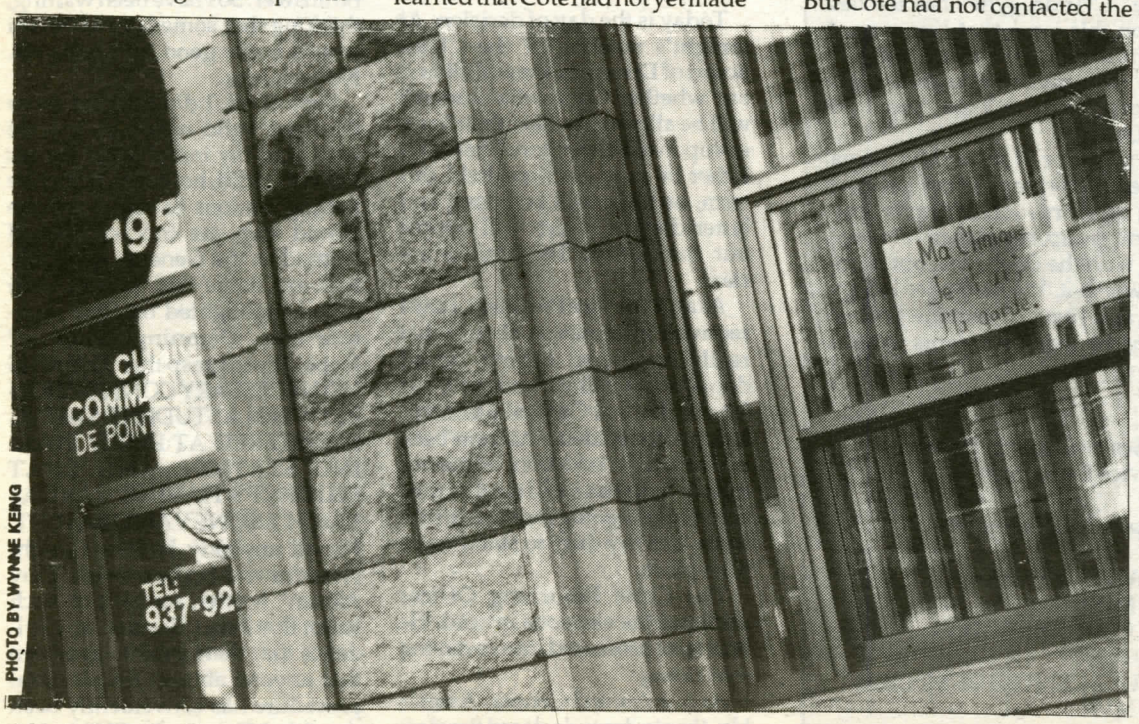
Montreal (CUP) — Residents of Pointe St. Charles are waiting to see whether the government will force them to give up control over their community health centre.

Earlier this month, more than 600 citizens in the area voted unanimously to fight to keep their 24-year-old clinic in community hands instead of turning it into a provincially-organized CLSC (Centres locaux de services communautaires).

Despite a meeting with provincial health minister Marc-Yvan Côté last Saturday, the future of the Pointe St. Charles Community Clinic is still threatened, clinic representatives told supporters at a meeting last Thursday. The 200 people who attended the meeting learned that Côté had not yet made a decision about the clinic's status.

"Before meeting us, the minister had a very strict position, but after our meeting he showed an opening and he was very impressed by the support for the clinic in the community," said clinic director Jocelyne Bernier. "At the end of the meeting, he said he would get back to us early this week (March 23 or 24)."

But Côté had not contacted the clinic as of last week.



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The Pointe St. Charles community Clinic, founded in 1968 has become an integral part of life in the "Pointe." The government wants to turn it into a provincially run CLSC.

The clinic now has a very high level of community control, and it is involved in a range of services that go beyond strictly health issues.

Under the Liberal government's health-reform law (Bill 120), the Pointe St. Charles clinic must become a CLSC if it wishes to retain its funding of close to $3 million.

"Côté said, 'Let's try to negotiate a special status for the clinic.' He was really impressed by the mobilization of the community here," said Lorraine Guay, a nurse who worked at the clinic for many years and who is now helping organize the fight to maintain the clinic's status and funding.

"We wrote a letter to the minister to jog his memory about the clinic and we had 1,000 postcards [supporting the clinic] printed up," Bernier said. The postcards were distributed at the Thursday morning meeting and none were left an hour-and-a-half later.

According to Bernier, the community is fighting to have its clinic's status recognized legally and permanently.

"It has to be part of the law. We don't just want a decision from the minister. We want a definitive settlement where the status of the clinic won't be left to the discretion of successive health ministers," said Bernier.

Guay said she was hopeful the minister would start negotiating with the community about the clinic very soon. She would not say what additional pressure tactics the support committee might employ.

The community clinic is also getting support from outside Pointe St. Charles and several of those supporters came to the Thursday morning meeting. Former Parti Québécois minister Denis Lazure promised that his party would change the health-reform law and recognize the clinic when they next form a government.

Mary Safoah Poku is a retired teacher and long-time resident of the Pointe. She was at Thursday's meeting because she said the clinic is especially important to older people in the area. "We have many older people that use the clinic," said Safoah Poku. "If they go to the Montreal General Hospital, they have to sit and sit and sit."

"With this clinic, a doctor will go at night to see them if they need it."

According to Bernier, the clinic serves a high proportion of both the very young and the older citizens in the Pointe St. Charles community. "We see two out of three senior citizens living in this area and 52 per cent of children in the 0-5 year-old group," she said.

Deconstructing Propaganda

The last issue of *The Concordian*(March 12th) reaches new heights of journalistic misinformation, hysteria, and the spreading of manipulated and unbalanced pseudo-facts that have lead to an unprecedented level of student confusion and mistrust. *The Concordian* has made little or no attempt to actually report to students what the real facts are. I believe that we primarily have you to thank, Mr. Kaylor, for contributing to this gross circulation of misinformation that has created the air of fear and violence that many CUSACorp and CUSA employees must now live in. This is not, contrary to your editorial claims, "because *The Concordian* dared to print the truth about what was going on in and around CUSA."

You have selectively neglected reporting on anything that would provide your readers with a balanced perspective of the very complex issues that have been circulating around CUSA. CUSA is hardly crumbling. though obviously you wish it would, and it seems ANYTHING can be printed in *The Concordian* that would back this misrepresentation of the "facts" you purport to deliver. Your masthead reads "Get the Facts" perhaps you should change it to "Get the misrepresented, highly manipulated, badly reported, completely distorted half-truths".

Do you realize how much damage you are causing the student population? Just because a few hysterical personifications of the nation-wide right wing backlash can't deal with losing and start whining and creating an unsubstantiated controversy, you jump at the chance to get those crazy radical dykes out of power. In the process, CUSA is being crippled, people aren't getting paid, people are living in fear, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to provide students with the services they deserve — all because you feel like railroading the process, That's the real tragedy. This isn't about missing votes, its about creating a controversy out of thin air and having a mouthpiece to spew polemic right-wing diatribes that cloud the issue for the student population at large. You may criticize the Link all you want, but at least they have the tact and the integrity to report on issues rather than create them.

Your paper showed a disgusting lack of consideration in putting Akram Bhatti on its front cover, considering the amount of harassment he has personally received. The cover was tasteless and irresponsible; leaves Mr. Bhatti open to even more harassment and hatred. Do you even consider the security of the people you claim to report on or will you simply milk them for all they are worth, regardless of their personal safety. Are you aware that Mr. Bhatti has received death threats at his home; making him visible and identifiable to the whole Concordia community is a blatant example of your paper's lack of integrity and general disregard for students, other than those few who write for it.

You claim that the general assembly was a "historic event". It certainly was. I don't think Concordia student have ever experienced such a blatant display of hatred and violence against women, lesbians, gays and communities of colour in one event or in any public forum in the uiversity's history. People who were the objects of this form of bullying and violent "democracy" were terrified after the experience. But your paper ignores this little fact.

So apparently justice was served, according to The Concordian. Do you even care about democracy or even students, for that matter, Mr. Kaylor? If you really believe that democracy can be served by 117 bullies screaming and yelling, threatening and harassing others then I am afraid for your future as a journalist. "The only thing being silenced is the truth" read the headline in your March 19th issue. That's exactly what happened at the General Assembly last week — the only thing "stunning" about the 117-50 vote was the fact that it came about directly from silencing the truth, physical attacks, verbal attacks, intimidation, to name a few. That's not democracy, that's coercion. How could anyone in their right mind believe that a thron of yelling bullies (approx. 117 of them) should be able to overturn the votes of 2500 students. Wake up.

How exactly do you define democracy Mr. Kaylor? You talk about it an awful lot. Is that when only half truths are reported to students who you claim to represent. Is that when people harass and abuse others to get their way and ignore proper channels for registering complaints. Is that when 117 individuals decide, through force, what is right for the whole student population, even though thereis no factual proof that the alleged election irregularities took place. Is that when your paper doesn't report on the content of the CRO's report that states that accusations of a miscount are only hearsay and there exists no actual proof that such a miscount occured. Perhaps it was a figment of some co-presidential candidates imagination. Is democracy hearsay?

I hope your readers are aware of the blatant manipulation The Concordian disguises as FACT. The Concordian should be required reading for all students interested in deconstructuring propaganda. Is there anywhere in the paper's stated premises and objectives that the notion of BALANCE is integral to any form of journalism that purports to have any intergrity? I have seen nothing that has presented a balance of opinions and facts in any of your coverage of the recent CUSA election and CUSA news in general. What do they teach now in journalism school Mr. Kaylor? I believe it is you Mr. Kaylor, who should resign and not Ms. Nero.

Your newspaper is an embarrassment for all Concordia students. Thanks for spreading the hysteria and furthering the backlash and, by extension, screwing up all Concordia students.

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Day of Decision

Today is the day of decision. At tonight's meeting of the CUSA Board of Directors, we will all find out whether Concordia students will be allowed to elect their leadership in a fair election. There will either be new elections held this term, or there will be a long and bitter dispute which will cripple our association. The options are clear.

As a CUSA Vice President, I have received information about what really happened behind closed doors when ballots were counted for our Annual General Elections. Much of the evidence has now been destroyed. In addition, witnesses to the events have told me that they actually fear going public with the truth. It is my duty to stand up in their place.

The Chief Returning Officer declared the elections invalid. He was later pressured into reversing that ruling.

At our Annual General Assembly, the students declared the elections invalid. The Judicial Board is now being pressured to give up their efforts.

I have taken a stand in favour of new elections. I am now being pressured to give up my fight for a democratic process.

Well, I have a very simple response to make to all the pressure. The Chief Returning Officer can abdicate his duty if he so chooses. The students may be unable to fight the Judicial Board bureaucracy. The Board of Directors may be blocked from calling new elections. But despite all this, there is no person, no act, nor any threat which will succeed in stopping me from demanding that new elections take place.

I call on all members of the Concordia community to come forward and raise their voices in favour of student democracy. I call on each and every one of you to see beyond the smoke screen allegations of violence, sexism, racism, homophobia and whatever other catch-phrases are being bandied about.

There is only one real issue: the students' democratic rights were stolen from them, and they must be given back.

Today may be your last chance to sign the "Democracy Petition" demanding new elections. Come to the Hall Building ground floor lobby and sign your name in support of democracy. Then when the Board of Directors meets tonight at 9:30 pm. in room H-773, please show up, and make sure that your government listens to you.

I have spent an entire year trying to make CUSA more responsive to the students' needs. I never expected that my term would have to end this way.

Lana Grimes
Vice-President Liaison ,CUSA

'Damning Evidence,' Nope!

I am writing this letter in hopes of eliciting a response from (former) CRO Akram Bhatti concerning an announcement he made at the General Assembly. Mr. Fadi Khader asked: "What's going to happen to that guy who cast seven votes?" Mr. Bhatti's reply: "He will be dealt with." Mr. Bhatti had no idea that I ("that guy") was sitting ten feet away from him at the time. I went immediately to the nearest microphone and asked Mr. Bhatti: "What exactly are you going to do to me?" Flustered, Mr. Bhatti had no answer. So I have been waiting, thinking that someday Mr. Bhatti would make good on his threat. No such luck.

First of all, I did not cast more than one valid ballot, as anyone who read my initial letter knows full well. I did, however, go to five polling stations to see if anyone would stop me (no one did). I learned at the General Assembly that my name had indeed been found highlighted on four separate lists. Damning evidence? Nope. Try to grasp this: THERE IS NO NECESSARY CONNECTION BETWEEN A STUDENT'S BEING REGISTERED AT EVERY POLLING STATION, AND THAT STUDENT'S HAVING CAST AS MUCH AS ONE VALID BALLOT. For all anybody knows, I might have drawn a big heart with "I luv Akram" written across it on each ballot that I cast. Besides, any evidence that there might have been that anyone abused the electoral procedure has conveniently been shredded. Face it, the CUSA elections were flawed, and yet Mr.

Breaking the incest taboo

by Bart Arnold

The anti-child, pedagogical, pro-silence structure of our society allows no room for the discussion of sexual trauma inflicted on children. Crimes of this nature as yet go largely unreported, and the adult survivor always pays the price of the abuse while the criminal rarely sees penalty. Thanks largely to the recent influence of Womens' movements, the enormous problem of child sexual abuse of female children by men has begun to come into the open during the early eighties. But the problem is far more widespread than that. Both male and female children are abused by both male and female perpetrators.

One myth about incest is that it rarely happens to boys. Mike Lew cites estimates that one in five boys suffer from child sexual abuse of some kind. Males in our society are almost universally expected to be powerful and thus incapable of being victims. Some men who report sexual abuse by women have their experience romanticized by a society in which it is expected that males, regardless of age, always have power to defend themselves, and thus if they don't stop sexual contact, they "must be wanting it". On a recent Donahue show a woman called up a male teen who had been abused by a woman at age twelve and said, "Couldn't you find someone your own age?" The audience laughed.— I was furious. This makes breaking the silence an enormous task.

Gay or Bisexual men often particularly fear disclosing histories of child sexual abuse in a society in which they are already so marginalized that adding to that isolation is a genuine terror. Men may also be rejected by other members of the Gay community for disclosing their history and showing their pain and anger, isolating them completely. Often men (both Gay and straight) are "accused" of being Gay because they were violated by a male and "liked it" or because they were violated by a female and "didn't like it". This is clearly ridiculous, since being raped by somebody is hardly likely to make one want to be revictimized in the case of male-male rape, and one is not likely to choose sexual preference purely on the basis of female-male rape. Child sexual abuse is about power, not sexuality. Often children can enjoy aspects of the sexual abuse, as the human body is built to experience pleasure when stimulated in certain ways, and when told they enjoyed the abuse, feel an overwhelming sense of shame and responsability for it. The child is ALWAYS innocent.

Many people retain clear memories of child sexual abuse, and are able to do so because thy suppress all difficult emotions involving these crimes. Conversely, many people "forget" the sexual abuse and then have "flashbacks" about it. In the past many of these people have been convinced that they were fantasizing, as the Freudian idea of the Oedipus/Electra complex had a clear and firm grasp on the psychoanalytic/therapeutic world. Children need nurturing touch, love, warmth, and attention at every age, and derive positive experience from these things, but children ALWAYS respond to sexual abuse with post-traumatic symptoms. For lists of these symptoms see any or all of three very important books, all available in the Montreal area: "Growing up Gay in a Dysfunctional Family" by Rik Isensee, "The Courage to Heal" by Ellen Bass and Laura Davis, and "Victims no Longer" by Mike Lew. The bookstore "L'Androgyne" has the best selection of books on this issue that I've seen. A pamphlet called "From Victims to Survivors" is available from some of the numbers below and lists almost everything one needs to know about the survivors' scene in Quebec.

I am a Gay male survivor of incest and sexual abuse and have taken many steps in my personal recovery, including confrontation of family, psychotherapy, and some group experience. You may not feel like dealing with the issue now, but let me guarantee you: it's worth it. We no longer have to live our lives in fear, and you are not alone. Following are organizations for incest survivors in Montreal.

f = service disponible en français
M = service for men

e = service available in English
W = service for women

Please telephone in order to determine what services are offered specifically for you.

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West Island: Sher 694-9622 We
Downtown: Diane 866-9941 Wf
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Lee 747-9044 MWfe
TREVE POUR ELLES: 727-3373 Wf

RAPE INCEST ANONYMOUS:
628-7680 MWfe*
MOUVEMENT CONTRE LE VIOL:
842-5040 Wfe
SEXUAL ASSAULT CENTRE OF McGILL:
398-2700 MWfe
*English available on request

Innovations in economics unwanted?

by Daniel McCool

With governments everywhere making cutbacks in programs deemed dispensible, one of the latest victims of the axe appears to be a local community-development organization working to promote alternative responses to Montreal's economic crisis.

Le Centre d'innovation en développement économique local du Grand-Plateau (CIDEL-GP) has been told its operating budget will no longer be subsidized by the three levels of government, as it has been for the past several years. This means numerous programs that meet unique community needs will be without funding for staff, office space and other operating expenses. The programs affected, ironically, involve planning, coordination, and implementation of workshops and counselling services that help clients get entrepreneurial projects off the ground. In coordinating a team - including volunteers and students doing *stages* (training courses) - that has expertise in finance, community development, fund-raising and marketing, CIDEL-GP provides marginalized individuals and groups within the community with information, assistance, and funding that is otherwise difficult to get. Considering the sorry state of Montreal's economy and the probability that a Canadian free-trade pact with Mexico will lead to an even greater loss of jobs here (especially in the textile industry, a heavy employer of immigrant women and a group targeted by CIDEL-GP), it seems peculiar that such a valuable resource should be so nonchalantly disbanded.

One of the conditions the Montreal Citizens Movement (MCM) raised in its previous municipal-budget negotiations was that CIDEL-GP become coordinated with the Corporation de développement économique du Centre-Sud (CDEC-CS), since the two distinct districts had been lumped together in one of the nine *arrondissements* (sectors) into which Montreal is divided.

However, CDEC-CS has a different perspective, with a directorship dominated by business people and more of an emphasis on traditional concepts of economic organization. While there is perhaps nothing wrong with following proven successful methods of action, le Centre d'innovation also can have its suitable moments. The municipal government's attempts to integrate the two organizations that have divergent *modus operandi* would obviously result in one organization's being subsumed by the other and the probability of pointless wrangling along the way.

In claiming that the two organizations provide a wasteful duplication of services, the city does not acknowledge the inherent difference between the largely deindustrialized, working-class Québécois Centre-Sud and the more ethnically mixed, gentrified, service-oriented Plateau. That CIDEL-GP's services are in great demand contradicts claims of wasteful duplication.

The MCM seems to have shifted its orientation away from the grass-roots movement that brought it to power. Nevertheless, for old times' sake, there could be room for the two organizations to co-exist in one *arrondissement*. That well-known Concordia alumnus, MCM councillor

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Bhatti stood by the "official" results. I recommend to you, Mr. Bhatti, that next time you threaten somebody in a public forum, you'd better have good reason and be prepared to back it up. How does it feel to get "dealt with"?

Catching someone who abused the electoral system is just short of impossible, and that is why I spoke out to have the election procedure amended. I was certainly not spearheading "another violent campaign" against "progressive politics" (editorial, *the Link*, March 17). In fact, even the good folks at the Link are now calling for new elections (March 24). Of course, our motives are not exactly the same. The only co-presidential candidates openly endorsed by *the Link* - Nero and Toone - are politically dead. They have totally lost voter confidence, and *the Link* knows that if another CUSA election were held tomorrow, Dalton and Lindsay would almost surely win. So, *the Link's* co-editors have graciously called for new elections, complete with "new candidates." You cannot blame them for trying to field another pair of presidential candidates they can support (and be supported). Regular as clockwork..."Say it ain't so." Who's "using democracy as a weapon" now? I would like to call *the Link* staff's attention to their own copy, which states: "Content is independent of the university, ECA, CASA, and CUSA"" (read the fine print). I guess three out of four ain't bad. Well, it ain't good either. As the philosophy of Generation X (led by Billy Idol) goes: "All I want is the truth, just gimme some truth" (John Lennon).

Lastly, I would like to publicly praise the actions of Ms. Lana Grimes. I will not insult Ms. Grimes by saying that we now see eye-to-eye on everything, but she has earned my respect for siding with her own conscience. No matter what your political affiliations happen to be, it takes courage and personal integrity of the highest order to be willing to honestly question your own beliefs, when it appears that your faith has been misplaced. Those who cast a blind eye towards their own values, while blissfully blaming others for their own collective ills, are doing everyone a great injustice. I am sure that there are now a number of students who think that Ms. Grimes has become "one of them," but the truth is that Ms. Grimes has done nothing but demonstrate that she is not an "us" or a "them," but an individual. Would that everyone could have the same conviction.

Stefan Andeas Kiraly
3rd year Philosophy

Please say it in Cash

Open letter to the Council of the Board of Directors:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking matters into your own hands and creating a situation in which I am unable to eat. But who needs to eat, when one is dealing with matters as lofty as CUSA politics, Judicial Board meetings, and internal BOD powers? Who needs to worry about little matters such as food and rent?

By creating a situation that led the bank to freeze the CUSA account (illegally, it would appear), you have effectively jeopardized my ability and that of my fellow CUSA members to meet our basic needs, such as food and shelter. How dare you take it upon yourselves to fuck around with workers' paycheques!

Disagree by all means and argue all you like about CUSA election results. Debate, discuss, set deadlines. But don't interfere with our basic right to draw our pay. If that's how you're going to proceed, then your politics are drifting into an area that is truly low and despicable.

In closing, Michael Spowart, Kerry Schacter, Sophie Desjardins and David Dichmann, you owe me $76.38 for last week's pay cheque and $18 for service charges for an NSF cheque. **Oh, and make that cash, please, not a cheque.**

Sharon Gulko
(the woman who pours your beer while you plot), CUSACorp employee
4th year Applied Social Science

Time to stand up to CASA and ECA

It must be nice to buy power for free.

Arts and science and fine arts students wouldn't know.

But some commerce and engineering students do.

Arts and sciences and fine arts students can no longer sit back and watch while a small number of commerce and engineering students chip away at every progressive institution on campus.

On March 9-10, commerce and administration students voted to stop funding *the Link*..

On March 17, we saw 117 students—a sizeable number of engineering and commerce students among them—easily nullify election results for an association engineering students eagerly voted to pull out of eight years ago. Commerce students made the same break three years ago.

This week, engineering students are voting on whether to continue paying fees to the Concordia chapter of the Quebec Public Interest Group (Q-PIRG) even though contributing financially or otherwise to work on environmental issues is everyone's duty. if we keep screwing around with the environment, everyone will suffer the consequences.

So, let's get this straight once and for all.

Not only do engineering and commerce students get seats on CUSA's board of directors, but they also get to vote for who is going to be at CUSA's helm. Or not.

And they get to call for re-elections which Fine Arts and Arts and Science students will have to pay another $9,000 for.

And they get to use CUSA services to their heart's content.

And they still get to read *the Link*, have access to its agenda, classified ads, news, culture and sports sections.

And engineering students will still benefit from Q-PIRG's research.

However, fine arts and arts and science students don't get any representation on the Commerce and Administration Students' Association (CASA) and the Engineering and Computer Science Association (ECA).

So CASA and ECA students are really getting the best of both worlds. Not only do they get to control their own associations, but they also get to control an association which they are not members of and only pay—when they're legally forced to—for services they use.

Sound fair?

Hardly.

During last month's CUSA co-presidential election campaign, members of the Philip Dalton and Debbie Lindsay camp spoke loftily about the need to increase school spirit. This, they said, could be done by organizing bus trips to school sporting events.

But what about supporting and taking pride in the kind of work—usually volunteer—students are doing in these associations? Work which really raises Concordia's profile and furthers its reputation as one of Canada's most progressive universities.

The 13 cents CASA students contribute to *the Link* or the six cents engineering students give to Q-PIRG, or who heads up CUSA are onl y a fraction of the global picture.

The whole picture is uglier.

It's a reaction to anyone or anything challenging the status quo. The strategy seems to be: We don't like it, so we'll have a referendum or stack meetings to kill it.

This is a clear abuse of 'democracy'—the very thing these same students claim to be fighting for.

But they have casually flung the term around so often that it's becoming boring and generic. Mostly boring, though.

'Democracy' has instead become a term subject to personal whims and a convenient tool used to maintain the status quo or move it even further towards a traditional right-wing agenda.

It's time for arts and science and fine arts students to stop being so nice . We must take back what it rightfully ours before some commerce and engineering students destroy all progressive movements on campus.

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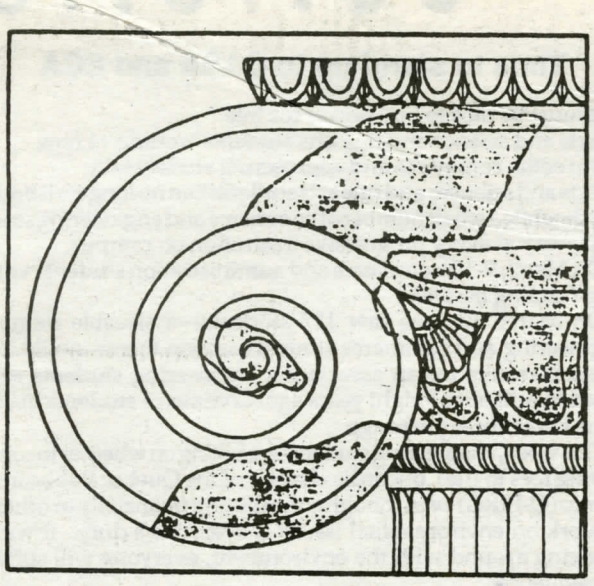


Convoluted art mag

by Jason Surette

Volute is out!

Concordia's visual arts magazine, the initiative of a group of art history and studio art students of the Art History Students' Association has returned.

Founding editor Valerie Lamontagne and contributing editor/design editor Chris Kuilman have recently published its third issue, with 400 copies.

Since the first issue, this student publication has been very slick, with minimalist but bold cover design which piques the viewer/reader's interest.

Volute publishes reviews of shows both within and outside of the university, and essays of contemporary as well as traditional art theory. It is recognized that the past is just as important as the present and the future.

Visually, Volute is an excellent exposition of what is going on with artists and where their concerns lie, covering both political works of art as well as the most traditional 'aesthetically pleasing' works. Volute has succeeded in not being too didactic or intimidating.

Each issue is relevant to a particular theme, which is quite amazing considering that there has not been much response to calls for submissions.

Volute has a perfect balance between visual and written works by students (and occasionally professors).

This balance between the visual and written is quite important to founding editor Valerie Lamontagne. She says that the primary reason that the magazine was started was that it didn't make sense to her that there was not a balance between these two aspects of art history. She believes that in the midst of two strong divisions in the art world, it only made sense that the magazine shoud exist. Lamontagne, who is a double major in both studio arts and art history, made it happen with the help of Professor, and chair of the art history department, Don Andrus.

As far as feedback goes within the university community, most of it has been from within the department of fine arts. The editors would like to see more people writing and submitting art work for the magazine. Although there is a small number of people coming forth with their work, Volute nevertheless produces a great diversity of visual and written works, proving that there is an interest in creating a strong student publication on art and art history.

There has also been a strong interest in Volute from outside of the Concordia community. UQAM, for example, has requested a subscription to Volute. The Canadian Center for Architecture (CCA) has responded by being a sponsor and both the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and our own Concordia Art Gallery has expressed an interest.

Volute can be found, for only a dollar, in the Art History Reading Room (located on the fourth floor of the Visual Arts building on the corner of René Lesvesque and Crescent) or in Café X (located on the second floor of the Visual Arts building). So, check it out if you haven't already. Guaranteed, you'll be glad you did!

We love you truly, madly, celtic-ly

Ex-Celtic Gales to perform at Reggie's Thursday

by Ita Kendall

They evoke "We love you" reactions from fans in rowdy college towns. One minute they are singing a cappella, the next they could be doing a can can.

They are three sisters, Audrey, Linda and Wanda. They used to be the **Celtic Gales**, now they are **Mad Love.**

They chose the new moniker because sister Wanda reached into "the recesses of her mind," remembered the title of novel she'd read, and they became "Mad Love."

"We wanted a less confining name," said Audrey Vanderstoop.

Not that they ever held back as the **Celtic Gales**. They have opened for everything from punk to pop bands. And three powerful women on stage are not "a usual sight," said Audrey Vanderstoop.

"Besides a strong female presence, we are three sisters and are very intimate on stage. We are not a usual sight," she said. Especially at some of the venues they play, like rowdy student pubs and murky clubs.

Playing for "collegiate" types can be a tough gig said Vanderstoop. "But anything can happen. They'll be sitting there making a lot of noise and trying to ignore you but if you are playing good music anything can happen," she said. What usually happens is that people listen and like what they hear.

Mad Love is also more then a conversation stopping, eye-catching stage act. They write and perform their own material and are not afraid to deal with life's harder side or events such as the Polytechnique massacre.

They also have a long list of credits which include benefit performances for literacy, native rights, disarmament, a women's shelter and anti-poverty activists. And they don't tackle issues by preaching.

"The celtic influence is about going as far as you can with a certain emotion. We tackle issues through strong emotions and our politics come through in an emotional way," said Vanderstoop.

Knockin' the Myth, **Mad Love's** first full album is due out this summer but in the meantime their vibrant style and "mellifluous vocal harmonies" can be sampled at Reggies this Thursday at 8 pm.

The Vanderstoop sisters and friends

Dekking the halls

by Danny Clarke

Desmond Dekker and the **Aces** performed last Wednesday at Foufounes.

Reporter: Excuse me, Desmond. may I have an autograph?

Dekker: *Shrugs. Nods.*

Reporter: Great show, best I've seen in the longest time.

Dekker: *Smiles. Shrugs. Nods.*

Reporter: Thanks, take care.

Dekker: *Smiles. Nods.*

Desmond Dekker's travels may have dulled him to backstage praise and drunken autograph seekers, but onstage, Trenchtown's authentic ragga-crooner has come to contemporary terms with his personal library of moonstomping tunes.

At 49, he looks ten years older in appearance, but his voice is in better shape than it was in the 60's when he was working with rock-steady soundboard master Leslie Kong at Studio One in Kingston, Jamaica.

Though he has nothing new to offer, and hasn't really found outlets for his old scratchy-vinyl blue-beat path, he has adapted his music and is as mesmerizingly attuned as he was when he was a hip leader of the transplanted Jamaican ska movement in late-60's London.

Though the all too familiar ka-janka-janka juttering of the ska beat is unmistakable, Dekker's backing band these days (the **Aces**) have noticeable free-license. There are snippets of nigh-every genre of hip-sway music, tying his quixotic sweet-vox and years of great tunes into a popping new package.

The Desmond Dekker sound has been a party fave for three generations of rude-persons, encompassing two ska revivals. Dekker had a hand in London's late-70s to early 80s hard-edged punkish ska scene, working with **Madness**, the **English Beat** and the **Specials**.

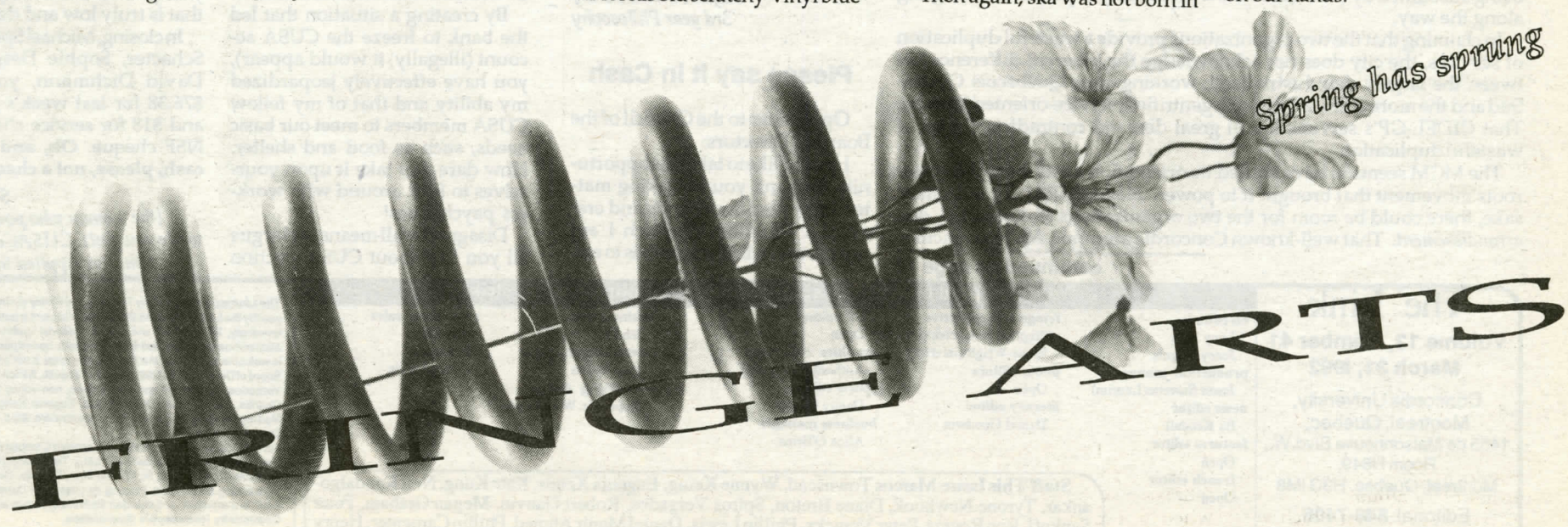
That uprising borrowed freely, and sometimes ingratuitously, from original 60s artists, who never saw one dollar of the profits — something Dekker had spoken out against before his collaboratory work.

Then again, ska was not born in a vacuum. It was the late-50s order of the day in the form of R&B, as thousands of Jamaican youngsters fiddled with their radio antennas to catch the wild and legendary DJs of overnight New Orleans. Dekker, with Bob Marley, Peter Tosh, Laurel Aitken, Prince Buster etc., first had their inspiration dancing around an iffy radio reception. Thus, the true rude-people honed a more street-wise angle of musical attack, shedding the then popular image of copying American crooner groups.

The second revival, which is an amorphous late 80s to early 90s entity, has concentrated mainly on original material with a more fun-time atmosphere, incorporating some of the other popular musical forms of 80s underground (hybrids themselves).

Where Dekker fits in now is easy — he doesn't...unless....

Were he to release a live album that kicked with the ferocity of Wednesday's show at Fouf, we may yet have another revived icon on our hands.



Guatemalan dancing rivals political prancing

NFB presents ***The Devil's Dream***

by Spiros Vergados

"For centuries shall your suffering last."

The political struggle waged between affluency and poverty in Guatemala is explored in Mary Ellen Davis' documentary *The Devil's Dream*.

The film revolves around "The Dance of the 24 Devils", a traditional folk-dance depicting people in positions of power-politicians, the army, and plantation owners-as devils who perpetrate evil.

Among the problems Davis examines are Guatemala's poverty-stricken children (dying at the rate of 20 a month because of disease and malnutrition), the growing number of widows, and the declining importance of religion. But the main concern is the exploitation suffered by the "campesinos". These aboriginals live in rural areas and usually work on cotton plantations for an average daily wage of one dollar.

Although *The Devil's Dream* lacks any voice-over narration, which might first give the impression of a neutral point of view, it takes a clear stance against society's elites.

In fact, the film is filled with contradictions which Davis manages to highlight with stinging precision. In one scene, a group of "campesino" workers are complaining about their harrassment from the military. This is followed by a military man explaining that the army's role is to make its citizens feel secure about themselves and about their investments.

A further tension arises from the fact that beneath the beautiful images of Guatemala's cultural tradition lies hatred and oppression. While "The Dance of the 24 Devils" is interesting to look at, the message it conveys is frightening. Pretending he is the president, one of the devil impersonators claims "I am known to be your boss. You must obey my order to persecute the human species relentlessly."

Though at times it is slowly paced, not to mention redundant, *The Devil's Song* wants to show the hypocrisy which presently exists in Guatemala. By the end, the protest voiced by hordes of "campesinos" marching in the streets rings loud and clear.

***Le Songe du Diable/The Devil's Dream** is playing at the NFB Cinema (200 Rene-Levesque O.) until April 5, at 7 pm. $3.25.*

Banlieue Rouge comes into their own

by Robert Gauvin

As things presently stand for **Banlieue Rouge**, it is apt that the title of their recent album is called *Que Tombe les Masques*.

Ever since the release of *En Attendant Demain*, **Banlieue Rouge** seem to have laid to rest a few myths about their past.

Gone are the fears that they were just a group of skinheads in revolt. Eventually it was realized that the chants of "Oi!" were built on solidarity among all people and were not a revolt against the establishment.

"Because we have said no to racism from the begining," says lead singer Safwan, "we have never had problems anywhere."

"We do not want to be a spokesperson for anyone or any group," adds guitarist Sylvain.

Good intentions have not always been enough. Drummer Jean-Francois recalls, "when the album (*En Attendant Demain*) and video came out, MusiquePlus asked to see a lyric sheet before playing any of our material." This was a barrier that **Banlieue Rouge** hopes to have broken for good.

Also gone are the days of being labeled **Bérurier Noir** clones.

"When we first started out," says Jean-Francois, "people had to associate us with something familiar." Safwan agrees that earlier comparisons to **Berurier Noir** were inevitable. "I mean when you hear bass, easy guitar riffs, and a cheap beat box, anything of this type would be compared to **Bérurier**."

The members believe time has helped improve the overall sound of the band. Not only are the songs stronger, but the band has improved their ability to improvise. "We can now play different types of music and still end up sounding like **Banlieue Rouge**," says Safwan.

Bassist Xavier believes the approach towards recording *Que Tombe les Masques* influenced the outcome of the album.

"Contrary to the first which was simply recorded as a demo, this one was recorded with the goal of appearing on CD." As a result more has been added to the overall product.

"A great example are the bits of sampling found on *Cassandra*," says Safwan.

The near future holds a bit of travelling for **Banlieue Rouge**. After a tour of Quebec with **Molodoi**, its off to Europe for a two month tour through France and Belgium.

***Banlieue Rouge** open for the **Berurier Noir** spin-off **Molodoi**, Saturday April 4th, at the Foufounes Electriques (87 Ste-Catherines E.).*

Squaring off with L7

by Megan Graham

Last Friday night's Foufounes crowd heard straight-ahead raunch: good loud music from LA's **L7**.

L7 have been around for a number of years and have been recent college faves. Combine power chords with insightful lyrics and you usually have a winning combination. With **L7**, the lyrics combine irony with aggression and a sense of the absurd.

Having released their eponymous debut LP on Epitaph Records and an EP *Smell The Magic* on Sub Pop, **L7** have a new album *Bricks Are Heavy* on Slash records, scheduled for release April 15. Their sound and attitude, however, typify the sound and attitude of the smaller labels, basically in yer' face.

After the prerequisite technical problems at the beginning were mashed out, **L7** launched into their set with ferocity. A keen sense of satire seems to penetrate their work when guitarist Donita Sparks comes out with full lip action and goofy glasses and dives into *He's A Lost Cause*. You know you are in for some fun.

They played fast and furious and were incredibly tight. As a refreshing change from the usual, lead vocals were shared by guitarists Sparks and Suzi Gardner, as well as bassist Jennifer Finch. Only the drummer, Dee Plakas, did not get into the act. No one person got center stage or the alleged title of 'lead singer'.

Despite the standard rock and roll antics like sexual banter between songs and a couple of stage dives by band members, these women are not afraid to make strong statements in their songs, in their stage presence, and in their lives.

With lyrics like "Get outta my face or I'm gonna shove", these women let you know exactly where they stand.

Recently, they participated in a benefit in LA to support safe and legal abortion. They helped found an action group called *Rock for Choice* which combines their passion with their politics.

Loud and powerful, on stage and in life, these women present a tantalizing mix.

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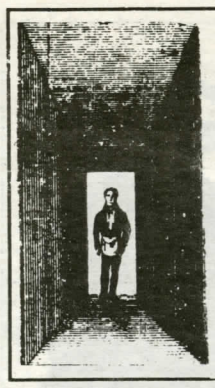

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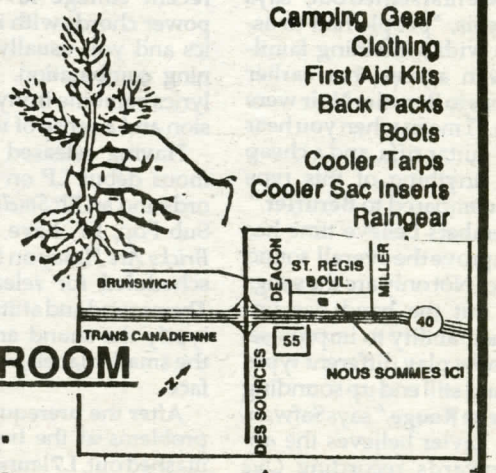

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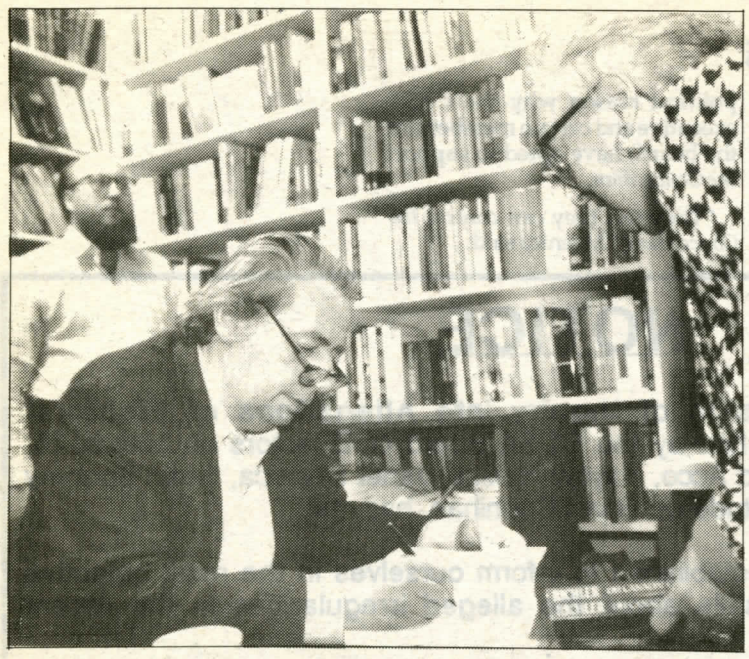

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Montreal author Mordecai Richler promoted his latest book Oh Canada, Oh Quebec, Saturday at Paragraph bookstore.

Welcome

Sundown in the plaza civil
across the street is the catedral
where Romero was killed.
We were thousands...
hundreds of torches were lit.
At the top of a hill you could see
a line of torches for a mile...
masked 13 year olds
spraypaint protests on the wall.
Several companeros started to beat up some soldiers
because they ran over a woman with their jeep.
Then we arrived at the site of the massacre.
The torches have since gone out.
Eight large glowing crosses.
(One for each of the victims two years ago
the six Jesuits, the housekeeper and her daughter)
From UCA we sang songs and*
now holding lit candles
marched up a mountain.
A young boy's candle went out
so I stopped and lit it for him
(for El Salvador, for any kind of hope).
The candle and the boy's glowing face
were now the centre of the universe...
nothing else mattered.
His grandmother took my arm,
and in a voice that you can't describe,
that makes you sad and weak
in a voice that makes you know
why we must fight back

asked, "Senor, we haven't eaten in days...
can you give us a few colones?"

I gave her 4 or 5 colones
and peace came for a brief instant.
I stopped and watched them continue into
the mass of candlelight glow.

How many more in this vigil
have not eaten in the last few days?
In the middle of this mass of candlelight
Enrique looked at me with a warm smile
and whispered, "Welcome to El Salvador."

By Daniel Munir Ahmad

*UCA is the University of Central America where the Jesuit priests were the rectors. The massacre, which was perpetrated by the Salvadorean Armed Forces, took place here November 16, 1989, five days after the Farabundo Morti National Liberation Front launched their major offensive.

Stories of horror

Guatemalan women speak

by Philip Lewis

Emilie Smith-Ayala remembers December 10, 1985 as a turning point in her involvement in Guatemala. It was 5 a.m. when the phone rang in her Vancouver home.

"I leaned over my sleeping husband to answer it...Beatriz, my sister-in-law had been kidnapped again...I cannot describe the feeling...it was my baptism of blood into the Guatemalan community."

The body of Beatriz Barrios Marroquin was found four days later. Attached to her mutilated body was a note claiming responsibility signed by the Secret Anti-Communist Army, a terror squad operating with impunity within the Guatemalan military.

Smith-Ayala was recalling these events at a recent meeting sponsored by the Concordia Central America Committee and the Support Committee for the People of Guatemala community.

These events in her own life led to **The Granddaughters of Ixmucane**, her recently published book which features the testimony of 28 Guatemalan women. Her book addresses the suffering and hope of Guatemalan women.

These twin themes emerge in all the testimony of the hundreds of women interviewed for the project, said Smith-Ayala.

She added that the "first and most necessary step in understanding Gautemala," is acknowledging the extent of political violence experienced by Guatemalans.

More than 100,000 mostly indigenous civilians, have been killed since 1960. And 40,000 are missing.

In the early '80s, the military conducted an intensive "scorched earth" campaign in the highlands, destroying hundreds of villages. An estimated one million are either refugees or internally displaced.

The conflict in Guatemala stems from the Spanish conquest in 1524. In the century that followed, between 70 to 90 per cent of the Maya had died either in battle or from European-imported diseases.

In the more recent past, a U.S.-sponsored coup in 1954 ended 10 years of reform-minded liberal government. Since then, a series of military and military-controlled governments have protected the interests of the wealthy land-owning minority and waged war against any movement for reform or social justice.

Every woman interviewed had directly experienced the horror, Smith-Ayala said. Guatemala is known as the "land of 50,000 widows." This figure does not account for women whose family members are among the disappeared. No political prisoners are registered, the assumption being that they have been killed.

Smith-Ayala is inspired by the actions undertaken by Guatemalan women to demand justice. All the women featured in the book are engaged in some capacity in the struggle for change.

CONAVIGUA, a national organization of widows, is the largest of a number of women's groups which have formed despite ongoing repression. The group's coordinator Rosalina Tuyuc, an indigenous woman from Chimaltenango is quoted in the book as saying, "About 8,000 widows have joined CONAVIGUA...but thousands more have told us they can't join because they've gotten threats."

The book concludes with the testimony of Rigoberta Menchu, a Guatemalan Indian who, according to Smith-Ayala, has become the strongest spokeswoman for the Guatemalans, particularly indigenous people.

Recounts Menchu of the 1982 massacre by the military that led to the destruction of her community, "The army came in and occupied the village time and time again. Finally, they began to do sweeps with four or five thousand men. That's how many people who weren't killed in the massacre of 1982 ended up dying in the mountains.

"In 1983, many people were picked up in one of the offensives. They took them down to the village and killed them. Few survived. They killed my brother Victor in the village. He had five children. They killed his wife. They killed his children- maybe one is alive, but they killed the older ones and the babies."

Menchu's own book, **I Rigoberta Menchu**, has been translated into eleven languages. Her presence at a recent gathering of Native peoples in Guatemala was so strongly felt that women approached her, requesting she bless their children.

The Granddaughters of Ixmucane; Guatemalan Women Speak *(approximately $15) is published by Women's Press and is available from the Support Committee for the People of Guatemala (385-5473) and can be ordered from most bookshops.*

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John Gardiner, has said he is pondering the issue's implications before making further statements on the matter. Those of you who felt you cast a vote for innovation when you voted for the MCM, and who are studying with the intention of eventually entering a job market that is sufficiently diverse to offer a niche to more than just accounting and computer-science graduates: why not give John a call and tell him you think there should be room for a Centre d'innovation en développement économique local in this city? I'm certain he'd be delighted to know what his constituents think.

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ments were made in a closed meeting. As a result, he said he could not comment further but said "some circumstances arose at the closed meeting that I regret."

Mrenica said she stands by her statement and added "there is a political reason why the CASA executive and certain members (of the board) have opted to support *the Concordian*.

"They feel they can control *the Concordian*," Mrenica said.

NOTICE

The "Special Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of Electoral Wrongdoing", established by the CUSA Board of Directors on March 25, 1992, consisting of: David Acco, Hayley Halsall, Janet Mrenica, Sean Spurvey and chaired by Dean of Students, Brian Counihan has met.

Procedures have been established to inform ourselves in the most objective and thorough way possible about the alleged irregularities in the recent elections.

The Commission strongly encourages persons with any information concerning the alleged electoral irregularities to submit written statements that may help the Commission to meet its mandate. Written statements may be submitted to the Dean of Students office (to the attention of the Chair), on either campus, (M-202 or AD-121) no later than Monday, April 6th, at 5 p.m. All those who submit statements may be asked to an interview.

In addition, the Commission will interview:
-The Chief Returning Officer
-The Judicial Board
-The Polling Clerks
-The Scrutineers
-The Co-Presidential Candidates
-The Board of Directors Candidates
-all other individuals the Commission finds to have been witness to the electoral process.

The interviews and deliberations of the Commission will be closed and confidential until the preliminary report is made public on May 8th.

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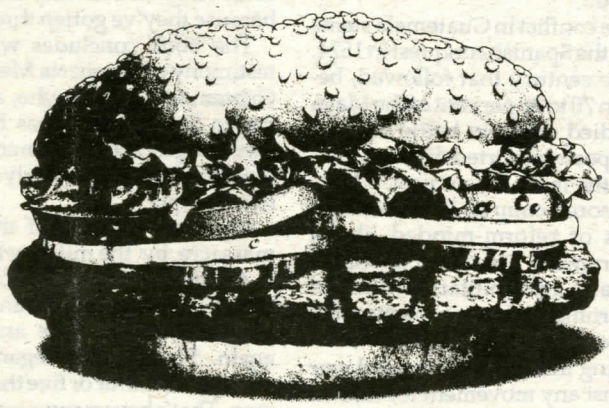

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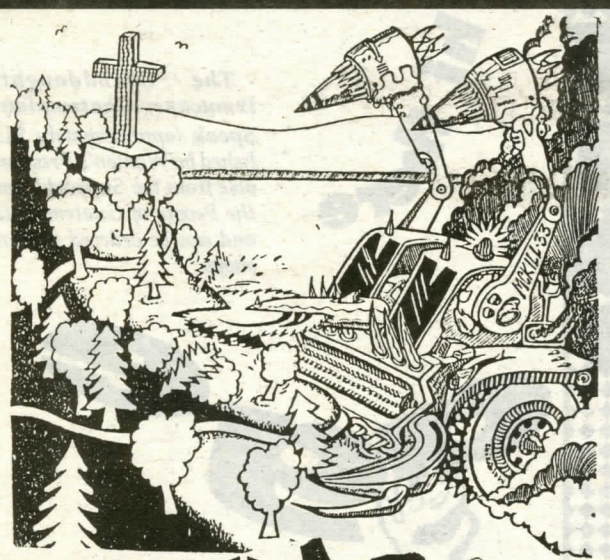

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Shielding women against Canada's judicial system

by Laurel Stevens

A 16-year old boy in Ontario hears a couple of his school buddies brag about "scoring" with a 15-year-old girl in the same school. They say they've both managed to get lucky with her a few times. With this in mind, the next time the boy sees the girl alone in the stairwell, he makes a pass. She's not interested, so he sexually assaults her.

Is this boy a seriously maladjusted child? Not according to Canada's old rape shield law, which came into effect in 1983.

Although the law was designed to protect women from the sexism inherent in the judicial system, there was nonetheless a provision allowing this boy to plead "honest but mistaken belief" that the girl wanted to have sex with him. And he had a fair chance of being acquitted.

But, despite the the law's shortcomings, it was more consideration than women had ever been given. Not long ago, sexual assault victims were routinely humiliated and attacked in court by a system which was supposed to deliver justice.

The rape shield law attempted to expose the judicial system's sexist and misogynist bias by usually disallowing the defendant's sexual history to be used as evidence in court.

Rape is a crime, the law tried to point out. And it's not any less a crime if a woman is sexually active.

But this Ontario boy decided to take it one step further. With the support of the country's largest civil liberties association, he challenged the law's constitutionality.

Another Ontario man charged with sexual assault made the same legal challenge. And last August, the Supreme Court struck down the rape shield law in a 7-2 ruling.

Their reasoning: it didn't give the accused his right to a fair trial and "fundamental justice."

This decision shocked women across the country.

"A lot of women calling us were really scared," says Karlene Moore, a counsellor at Toronto Rape Crisis Centre.

"Women wanting to press charges were worrying about the smallest details of their lives, terrified that they were going to be brought up in court."

One of the dissenting judges, Madam Justice Claire L'Heureux-Dubé, wrote a stinging, 86-page report on how unfairly the justice system deals with sexual assault victims.

L'Heureux-Dubé said sexual history was not only irrelevant in the vast majority of cases, but 'highly prejudicial' and actually interfered with the complainant's right to a fair trial.

"Attempting to rid the law of this area of discrimination and attempting to increase the reporting of a crime that occurs with staggering frequency in this society are obviously sufficiently important objectives to warrant overriding a right of the accused," she said in her report.

L'Heureux-Dubé said judges themselves are not free of "sexist myths and stereotypes" about women and rape.

Said a male Ontario judge 10 years ago: "Women who say 'no' do not always mean no...If she doesn't want it, she has only to keep her legs shut and there would be marks of force being used."

The furor from women's groups across the country has spurred Federal Justice Minister Kim Campbell to replace the rape shield law.

Although Campbell has recently proposed a new bill which is essentially stronger than the old one, it still needs improvement.

Campbell had this to say about the proposed bill: "I consider these amendments to be a first step in a major review of sexual assault laws, as well as a clear message that such violence is not tolerated in our society."

The new bill clearly defines consent and says that a man is responsible for obtaining it before sex.

It says there is no consent if the woman "is incapable of consenting to the activity by reason of intoxication or other condition."

It also says the accused won't be able to claim a woman consented to sex if the act occurs because the accused was abusing a position of power or authority.

This unprecedented clause recognizes that not only physical intimidation constitutes coercion. More common scenarios are those where women genuinely feel they will lose their job if they don't consent to sex.

"One strong aspect of this bill is the preamble, which actually situates sexual assault in the real world, gives it a context," says Moore of the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre.

"Rape and sexual assault occur in the context of a society with a sexist and misogynist bias. This is the only law to recognize this and try to make the law reflect our lives and experiences."

Moore points out, however, that the preamble is not gender-specific. It refers to "people" instead of women and children. "We really wish it acknowledged the fact that it is overwhelmingly women and children who are the victims of sexual assault," she says.

The preamble doesn't mention race, class, age, nationality, disability or colour either.

And these factors have been proven to have a strong influence on how women fare at the hands of the justice system.

For example, Judge Michel Bourassa said three years ago that the rape of native women in the Northwest Territories was different and not as serious as the rape of a "dainty co-ed" in Montreal.

"A man comes along, sees a pair of hips (belonging to a native woman, passed out from drinking) and helps himself."

And according to a press release from Campbell's office although evidence of the complainants' sexual history is rarely relevant, it's the "rarely" that lands the complainant in trouble.

In the next paragraph, the press release says sexual history evidence is inadmissible "unless the judge determines...that the advantages of admitting the evidence outweigh the disadvantages."

The factors judges consider before admitting sexual history evidence include the right of an accused to make a complete defence, whether the evidence reasonably assists in making a final decision and any other factor the presiding judge deems relevant.

Although judges take gender sensitization courses to heighten their awareness of women's issues, sexist attitudes are not that easy to change.

Sarah Kaplan, a Montreal therapist who works with victims of male violence, says although the new bill is an improvement, it is still flawed.

"It still allows women to be questioned on their sexual history in certain cases, and 99.9 per cent of the time that's just not relevant," Kaplan says.

Political analyst Dermod Travis says Campbell might have a rough time trying to legalize the bill.

"There's a lot of resentment against her from Tory backbenchers who are still angry that she got the gun-control bill passed in December," Travis says.

"They're not going to go out of their way to help her out on this one."

Moore says she was pleased to hear the Liberals and the NDP support the bill. Still, she fears the bill won't be passed.

"It's not the opposition that's going to obstruct this bill, it's the people in (Campbell's) own party."

At a recent panel discussion at McGill University on the proposed rape legislation, Université de Montréal law professor Anne-Marie Bouvier pointed out that sexual assault has the lowest report rate of any crime in the criminal code, the lowest percentage of cases brought to court, the lowest conviction rate and more plea-bargains than any other crime.

At the same panel, Connie Nakatsu, staff lawyer for Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF) in Toronto, said "even if the new legislation were perfect, the bias in the police force and the judicial system, not to mention how judges are appointed, would still result in an imbalance of power for women."

Nakatsu cited the case of an immigrant woman who was a victim of domestic violence. She was sponsored by her husband and was afraid to report the abuse.

Although the number of reported rapes and sexual assaults is pegged at 10 per cent, Kaplan says this is a conservative estimate.

"As a professional, I would like to see all cases of sexual assault reported because I don't want to see women silenced," Kaplan says. "On the other hand, I've seen what happens to women in court and understand why most women decide not to go through with it."

Kim Campbell has received a good deal of right-wing criticism of the bill to date, so all concerned women and men are encouraged to write to Campbell's office to express their support for the proposed bill, and to emphasize why it is so necessary that it become law.

Her mailing address, which requires no postage, is:

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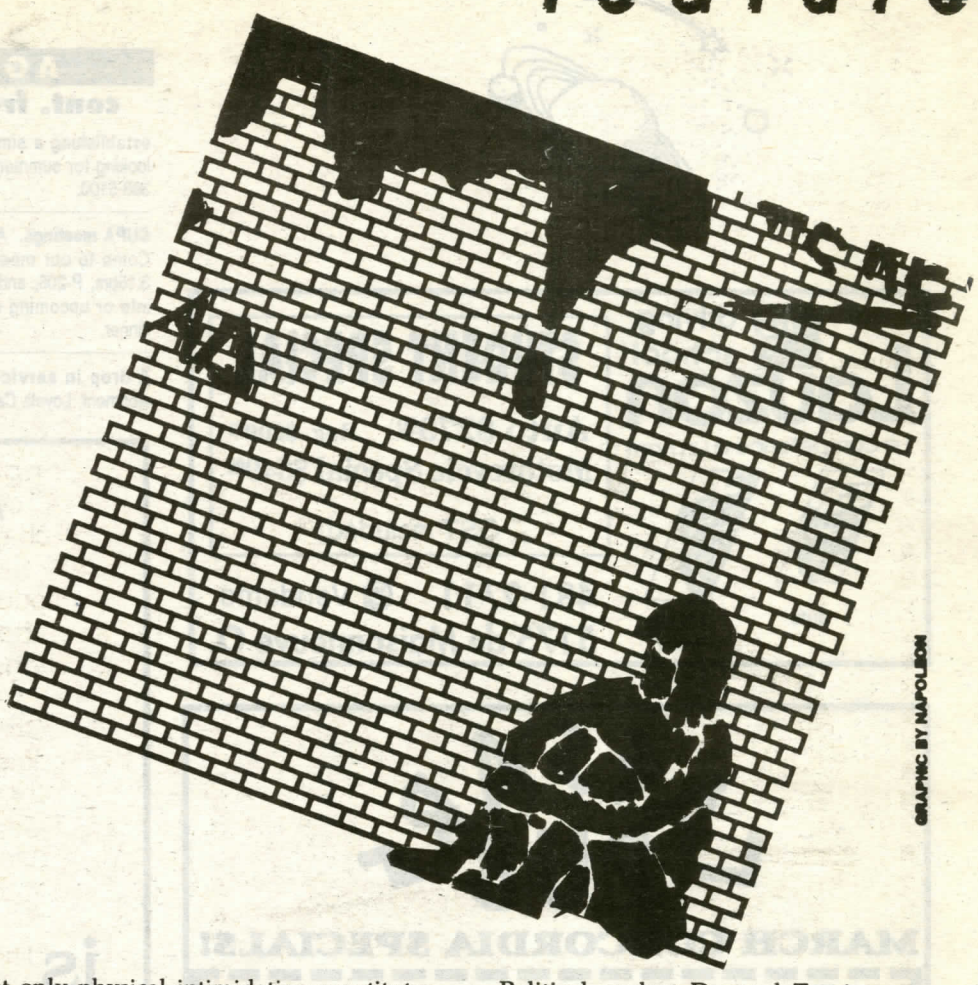


GRAPHIC BY NAPOLEON

classic sexist remarks by judges

"Rules are like women, made to be violated."
—Quebec Court Judge Denys Dionne in 1989. He was privately reprimanded by the Chairman of the Quebec Judicial Council.

To a woman whose boyfriend racked up parking tickets while driving her car: "That will teach you to sleep with people who are not to be trusted."
—Quebec Court Judge Marc Lamarre in 1990.

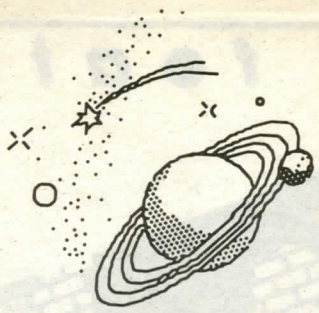
"One would have to be completely without worldly experience not to realize that, in sexual encounters, the female party may at first show reluctance or even resistance, but later voluntarily succumb to persuasion at her natural instinct."
—Manitoba provincial court judge Frank Allen in 1990.

"The majority of rapes in the Northwest Territories occur when the woman is drunk and passed out. A man comes along and sees a pair of hips and helps himself."
—Judge Michel Bourassa, in 1989.

"Sometimes a slap in the face is all that she needs and might not be such unreasonable force after all."
—Manitoba provincial court Judge Ken Peters after fining a man $300 who pleaded guilty to hitting his wife in the face.

About a man who repeatedly sexually assaulted a young girl: "He was redirecting his feelings" because of marital problems and "so, rightly or wrongly, he cuddled (the girl) and touched her breasts and fondled her genitals."
—Judge Michel Bourassa

From the 1991 study by the Manitoba Association of Women and the Law on the bias against women in the Canadian judicial system.



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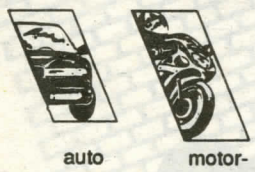

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CUPA meetings. Attention all Psych students: Come to our meetings, every Tuesday at 3:15pm, P-205, and get involved. Drop by for info or upcoming events like our spaghetti dinner.

A drop in service at Counselling & Development, Loyola Campus, provides for 15 minute periods to help students with brief questions of an educational nature. Wednesdays and Thursdays, noon to 1pm, 2490 West Broadway. Info: 848-3555.

The Outdoors Club meets every Thursday at 10am. Victoria Gym, 1822 de Maisonneuve. Everyone is welcome. For information on upcoming events. Info: Athletics Dept., 848-3860.

Indigenous Peoples International meets regularly on Fridays at 2020 Mackay, room 204 at 7pm. All welcome. Info: 848-7410/7443.

Do you need to talk, but feel there's no one to listen?! 931-8668, The Gay-Line.

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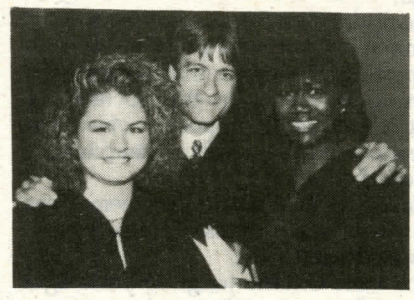

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The Legal Information Service is available for information and counselling. If you have a problem with your landlord, or with a contract that you signed, they can help. Info: CC-326 (LOY) 848-4960. This service is free and confidential.

WOMEN

Bi-the-way, a discussion group for bisexual women, welcomes new members. Meetings are held every Friday, McGill Women's Union. New member meetings are every second week. For more info call 598-8661.

The Lesbian Studies Coalition now meets every Thursday at 7:30pm, in the P-Annex, 2020 Mackay. Info: 848-7431.

Have you been a victim of sexism? The student-run sexual harassment project is compiling accounts of sexism on campus and we'd like to hear your story. We can ensure your anonymity. If you've been harassed, threatened or assaulted, we offer CONFIDENTIAL support and referral services. For women only. Contact Sarah Kresh, 848-7411, room 103, 2020 Mackay (P-annex).

Single Mom's support group. Every Friday, 1:30-3pm. A place to relax, breathe... An opportunity to share concerns and experiences. At the Women's Centre, P-Annex, 2020 Mackay, downstairs. Info: 848-7431.

Montréal Sexual Assault Centre is looking for concerned bilingual interested in volunteering for the 24 hr, 7 day/week telephone crisis line. Training sessions begin March 27. Call 934-4504 or 934-0354, ext. 229 if interested.

Attention Lesbian cartoonists! Send copies of work, brief bio, SASE to Queer Press: P.O. Box 485 Stn. P, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2T1 for inclusion in upcoming cartoon anthology. Dealing: May 1, 1992.

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ACTION Workshop: Self-defence for Women. Friday, March 27th, 9am-4pm. $45. Pre-registration necessary. Sign up now at Concordia Women's Centre, 2020 Mackay, downstairs. Info: 848-7431.

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Laura Leslie is a strong candidate as the all-time leading scorer of the women's hockey program

by Lucy Niro

He shoots. He scores.

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And she, Laura Leslie, was the only girl playing hockey in Montreal West boys' leagues up until college.

"One of the fathers of the guys I played with was director of hockey for Montreal West. He saw me playing for several years with my figure skates and broken hockey sticks," Leslie says.

"And finally, he spoke to my parents and said 'listen, why don't you enrol her in the hockey program, it's a fairly friendly program and I'm sure she won't get hurt.'"

Before two-year-old Leslie shed her baby booties, she was twirling on figure skates.

Seven years later, her parents agreed to sign her up in an all boys' recreational hockey league. She then moved on to elite hockey. She also played for Centennial college.

But Leslie is now 22-years-old and no longer 'one of the boys.' She referees in a Lac St. Louis midget boys' league and has been playing hockey for four years on Concordia's top women's team.

She says she still shoots around with the guys when she's not practising with the women's team about five times a week.

"Personally, I play a better game when I'm playing against guys, but I think for me, it's because I grew up playing a guy's game. Women's hockey is super. I love it. But it's new to me," she says.

"The guys' game is more aggressive, higher intensity and a much faster game. A much stronger game. It's more physical and there's more body contact. I played full-contact hockey all the way through."

But aside from occasional bruises, Leslie says she was never seriously injured.

"I'm a fairly steady person, fairly sturdy on my skates. I can hold my ground very well. I can dish it out just as much as people dish it out to me."

Leslie adds that she made it a point not to get hurt because she didn't want to slam up against sexist remarks especially from her teammates' parents.

"They'd say 'she shouldn't be playing with boys because she'll get hurt.' But mostly, they were upset because their son wasn't playing and I was taking up his spot," says Leslie.

"But once people got to know you and realized you weren't a threat and that you were actually helping and having fun, the sexism was very mild."

Now, Leslie helps out the women's hockey team and has raked in the program's all-time scoring title in the process.

"I don't even keep track (of how many goals I've scored)," she says.

"I broke the 300-point range in my career last year. The last total, 286, was the all-time point spread for women's and men's hockey. I surpassed that by I don't know how many points."

Leslie's coach, Les Lawton, says the hockey dynamo has so far amassed 325 points. But she has to brush up on her defensive skills, he says.

"(Leslie's) very good when she has the puck," Lawton says. "She has great skills and a great shot, but she has to improve when she doesn't have the puck."

Leslie echoes this criticism.

"But being under Les' coaching and (assistant coach) Julie Healy, who is primarily a defensive coach, has taught me to play a more defensive game and still be able to be an offensive player."

And except for one major setback, Leslie's hockey career has so far been fruitful.

She was named rookie of the year her first year at Concordia (1989), most valuable player in her second year and female athlete of the year last year.

But when Leslie applied to be on Team Canada, she was turned down.

"I was chosen among Quebec's top 20 players to be part of the Quebec team last October, with no problems," she says. "But for Team Canada, they refused me and never said why. It's definitely a blow to someone who's been training for so long."

Leslie, Lawton and the Quebec Ice Hockey Federation appealed this decision until January, but to no avail.

Instead, teammates Stéphanie Ouellette and Marie-Claude Roy made the first round of selections. Goalie Roy is now officially part of the team while forward Ouellette was eventually weeded out.

Coach Lawton says Ouellette was probably chosen over Leslie because "she has more speed and plays with more intensity. But I still think Laura should have been there."

"Stéphanie was a good choice. She has a lot of strengths and can fill a certain role very well," Leslie says.

"I think they left out someone. I think they forgot someone. I think they forgot me. I don't want to discredit Stéphanie because I think she deserved to go, but I think I deserved to go as well."

Ouellette agrees Leslie deserved to be on the national team and has her own theory about why Leslie probably isn't.

"They were looking for specific players. Maybe they didn't need any more goal scorers. Maybe they already had all the goal scorers they needed," Ouellette says.

"But I think we can't doubt her qualities and experience and she should have been invited."

Ouellette adds that a more striking quality of Leslie's is that she's a team leader.

"When she comes to play hockey, she wants to win and she wants her teammates to be just as agressive as she is," Ouellette explains.

"She won't talk a lot. She'll act and she'll lead by example."

Leslie says she'll try for Team Canada next year. But if the selection committee rejects her again, she'll get the hint and concentrate on more attainable goals.

Leslie—who has been studying exercise science athletics therapy—says her first priority is to become a certified athletics therapist by this fall. Although Leslie says she averages about 30 hours per work playing and training, this has actually complemented her academic side.

She says she wants to work on a university, semi-professional or even professional team. She completed therapy internships on the university's men's football and soccer teams.

Her preference is either football or hockey. "Hockey would be a definite thrill."

Next fall, she'll start a minor in French and continue to play hockey.

Leslie says the women's hockey team is hoping to join the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference next year.

"It's only going to be better to be able to go from a league we're playing in now where the challenge is very little, almost nothing to the U.S. where you've got a goal,' she says.

"We want to be able to beat the number one U.S. team. We've only done this once in my career at Concordia. It's such a thrill because you play to a potential that you don't see in your own league."

And Leslie says she always loves a challenge. That's why she has set her sights on possibly trying out for the 1994 Olympics, where women's hockey may be launched as a demonstration sport.

"I'm going to try out (in 1994), get in better shape and play a more defensive game. And just try to stay positive because (not making Team Canada this year) has been a disappointing bit of information."

PHOTO BY WYNNE KEENG

Concordia's Laura Leslie says: "I can hold my ground very well. I can dish it out just as much as people dish it out to me."

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Ron and Danny's Top Ten List

(from the home office in Penetanguishene, Ontario)

Top Ten Reasons why National Hockey League players will go on strike.

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9. Players Association needs extra money for Bobby Smith's hair replacement.
8. So Quebec can avoid finishing last, again!, and avoid getting the number one draft choice, again!
7. Because everyone really wants to see a Cape Breton-Kalamazoo Stanley Cup Final.
6. So the players can carry signs and have a picket line and yell 'scab, scab' just like regular people.
5. Because Denis Savard deserves to make more than a million bucks a year.
4. League wants weekend off to catch big Expos home opener.
3. NHLPA trying to iron out "no trades to Quebec" clause.
2. John Ziegler misused pension funds for failed Democratic candidacy campaign.
1. Bob Goodenow is an idiot.

TRIVIA

1. Who is the Canadiens player representative?
2. Which team won last year's Memorial Cup, symbolic of supremacy in Canadian junior hockey?
3. Which baseball star owns the Spokane Chiefs of the Western Hockey League?
4. Prior to the Astros, Houston had another major league franchise. What was the colorful name?
5. Other than the now-defunct California Golden Seals, what is the only 1967 expansion team never to appear in the Stanley Cup Final?
6. John Tonelli is one of two former members of the Cinncinati Stingers of the W.H.A. still in the N.H.L. Who is the other?
7. Which former L.A. Kings star now coaches the San Diego Gulls of the International League?
8. Which N.B.A. superstar has demanded the ridiculous salary of 15 million a year for the 1994-95 season?
9. Which player recently became the all-time leading scorer in NCAA men's basketball tournament history?
10. Mario Lemieux recently became the second-fastest player to reach 1000 career points, after Wayne Gretzky. Who is third?

ANSWERS

to trivia from over yonder

1. Guy Carbonneau
2. Spokane Chiefs.
3. K.C. Royals super-duper-star George Brett.
4. the Houston Colt 45's.
5. Los Angeles Kings.
6. John Tonelli.
7. Charlie Simmer.
8. Hakeem Olajuwon. He has threatened to quit if his demands aren't met.
9. Christian Laettner, Duke U.
10. Mr. Sniper... Mike Bossy.

Directors

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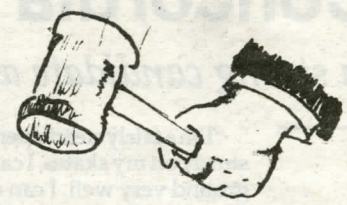
resolve the election crisis." Her memo included recommendations which formed the basis for tonight's board meeting.

Last year, Grimes and Ken Huck ran against Nero and Eleanor Brown for the position of co-president. After losing the election, Grimes joined Nero and Brown's team as a vice president.

In a letter to *the Link* last Tuesday, Grimes "declared (her) full support for a complete annulment of our recent general election and for... a replacement election."

Frank Pathyil, Kerry Schacter and David Dichmann, the directors who called the special meeting, have not indicated where the meeting is to be held.



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